

and 09/570,725. Although Applicants do not concede the propriety of these rejections, Terminal Disclaimers are attached hereto in order to overcome these rejections to facilitate prompt allowance.

PTO-1449

The Examiner did not initial some of the citations listed on the PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on February 18, 2000, because of incomplete citation data. A new PTO-1449 is submitted herewith which contains complete citation data as requested by the Examiner. The Examiner is requested to return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 to applicants.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw all outstanding rejections, and allow the present application.

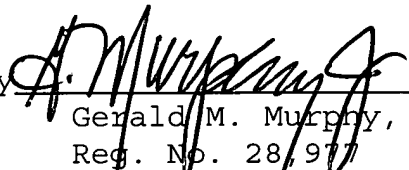
If there are any minor matters precluding allowance of the application which may be resolved by a telephone discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of
time fees.

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